

JOB IV. JUVENILE PRODUCTION ASSESSMENT

Objectives:

To determine the relative annual abundance and distribution of alosine juveniles in the Patuxent River. To determine nursery areas for alewife and blueback herring in these drainage systems.

A. Methods and procedures:

Nursery area sampling was conducted in the Patuxent River drainage on a bi-weekly basis from July through September in 1980, 1981, and 1982. Ten stations were sampled (Figures 50 through 52) in 1980, eight stations in 1981, and six stations in 1982. Stations were reduced from year to year, attributed to the lack of catch or a greatly reduced catch at lower sampling sites which could have been caused by relatively high salinity.

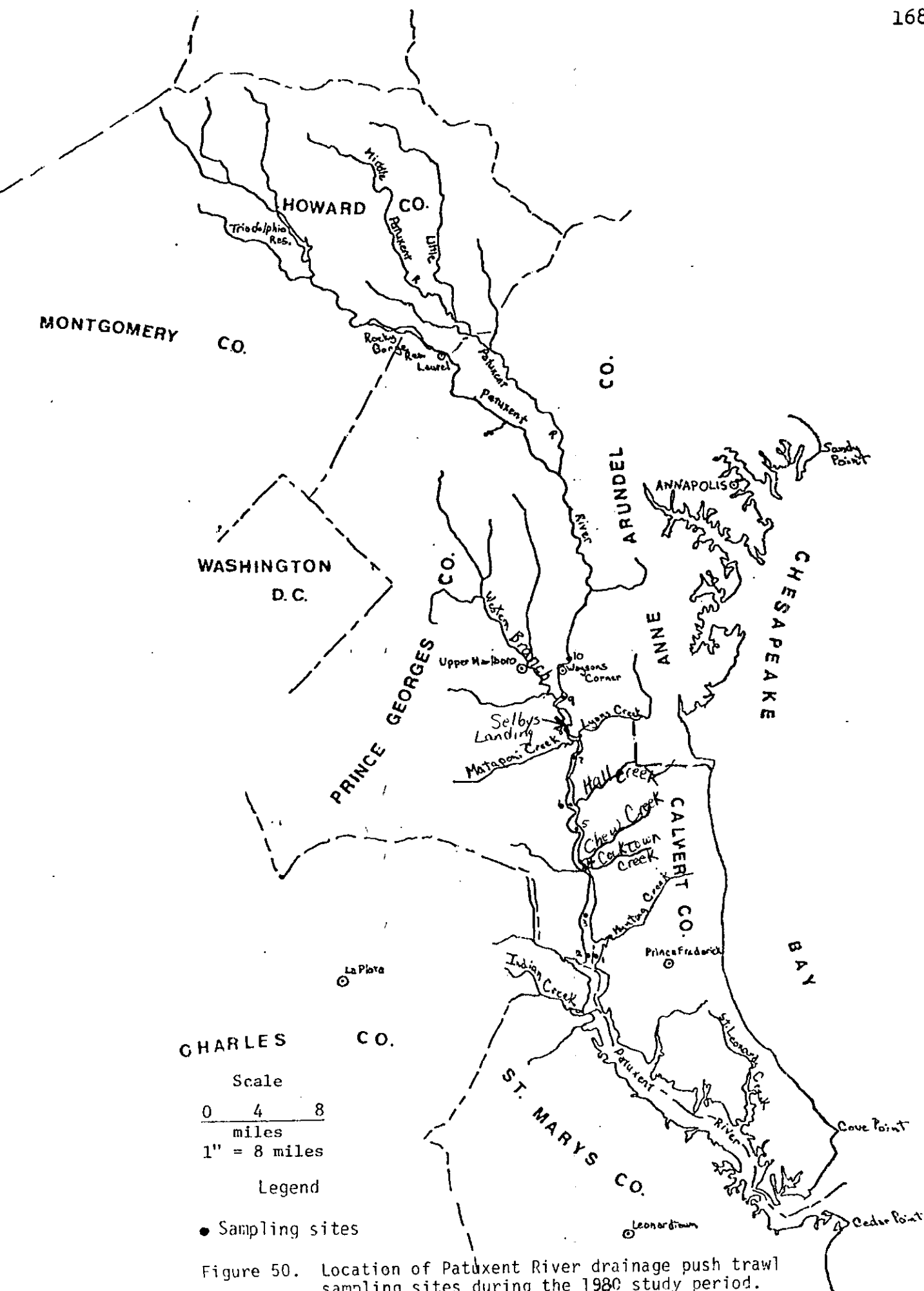
Samples were contained with a push net (push trawl), 1.5 m X 1.5 m (5 ft. X 5 ft.), mounted on the bow of a boat utilizing a steel frame (Kriete and Loesch, 1980). The trawl (push net) is a replicate to the push net developed by VIMS personnel and employed in Virginia's waters, (Figure 53). Only surface samples were obtained with the push net. The stretched mesh in the body was 3/4 inch (18 mm) and 1/2 inch (12 mm) in the cod end.

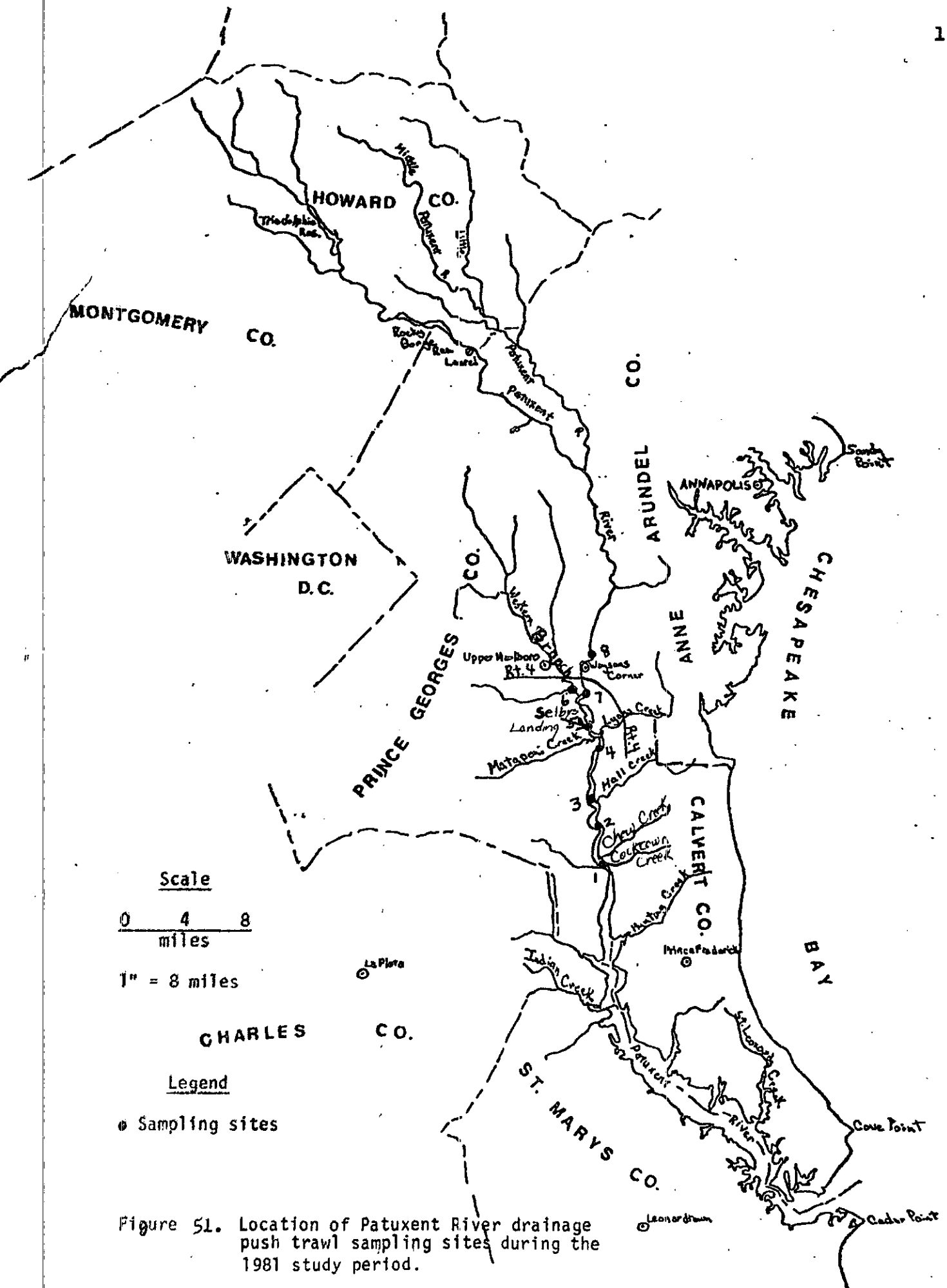
All sampling was performed during the nighttime. A General Oceanics model 2030-R flowmeter was fitted into the face of the net to determine the average velocity at which each trawl was made. The area swept by this gear was calculated as:

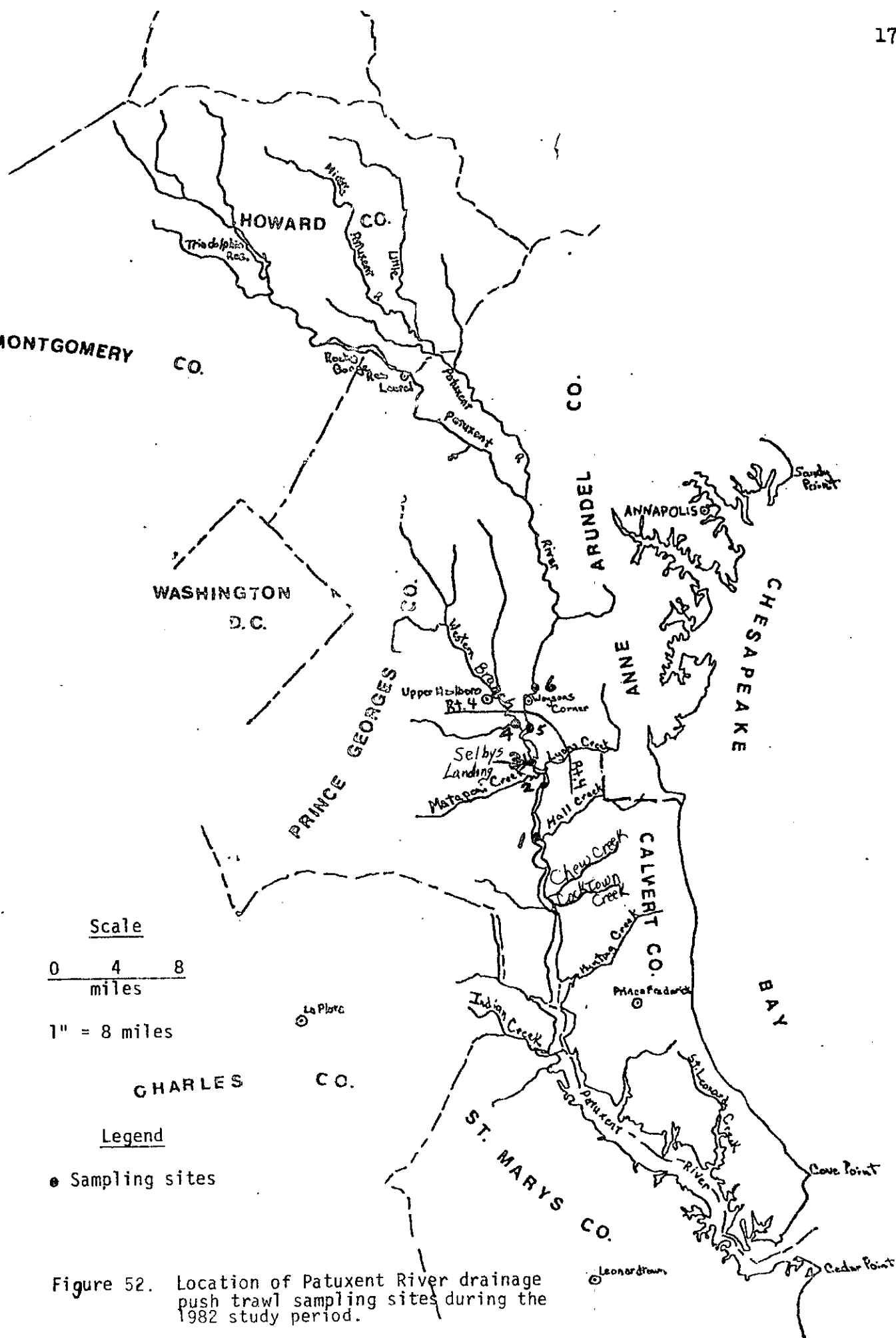
$$\frac{1.524\text{m} * \text{X Trawl run length (m)}}{10,000 \text{ M}^2} = \text{area swept in hectares}$$

The area swept by this gear along with the number of trawl runs completed by site and sampling area are presented in Tables 33 through 35.

*1.524 m = Trawl mouth opening.







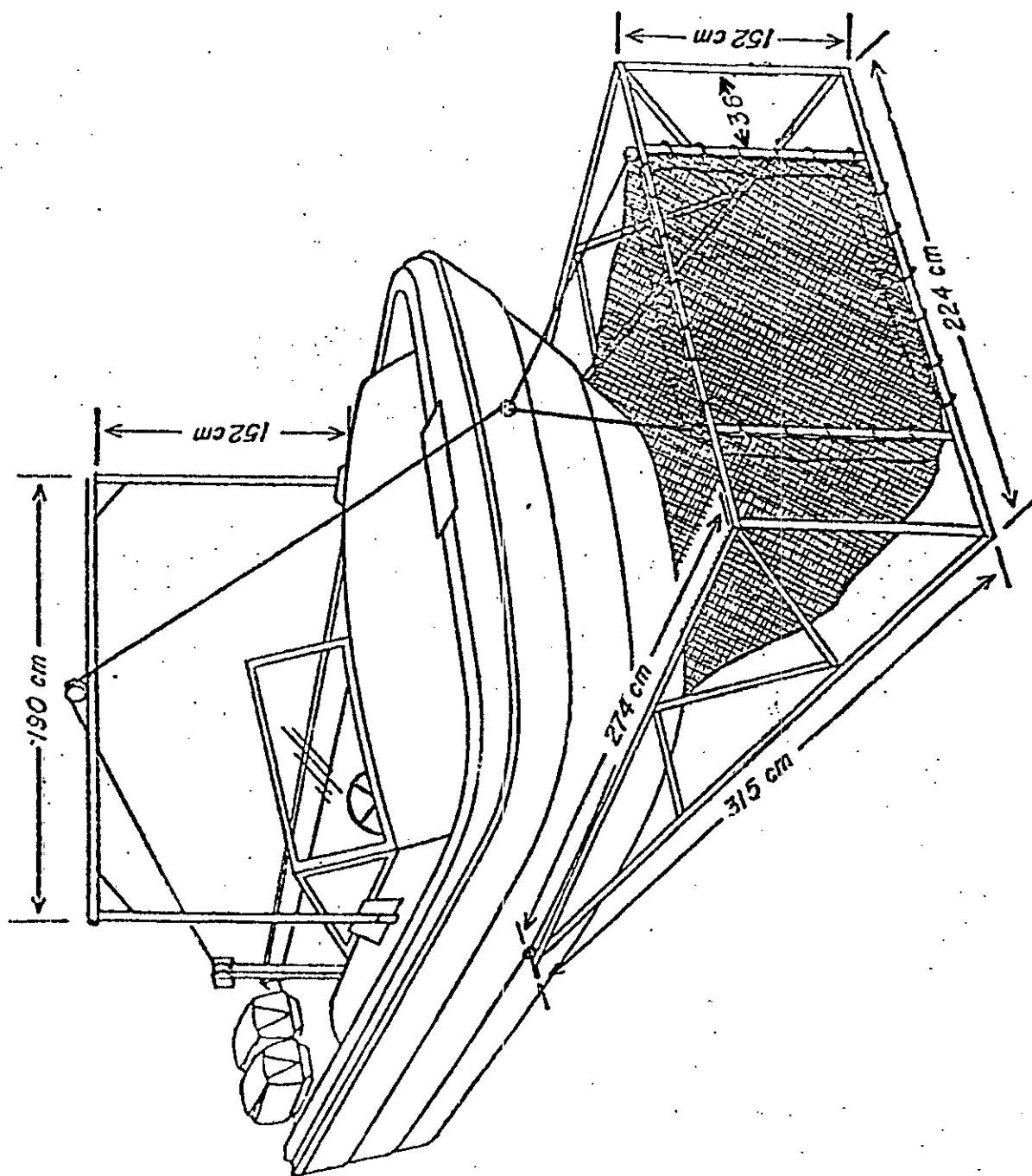


Figure 53. Schematic diagram of push net.

Table 33. Area swept by push trawl, number of trawls completed, and total area swept by site during the 1980 Juvenile Recruitment Survey in the Patuxent River drainage.

| Site No. | No. of Hauls | Area Swept (ha.) | Total Area Swept (ha.) |
|----------|--------------|---------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 | 4 | .0687 | 0.2748 |
| 2 | 4 | .0610 | 0.2440 |
| 3 | 4 | .0546 | 0.2184 |
| 4 | 4 | .0579 | 0.2316 |
| 5 | 4 | .0520 | 0.2080 |
| 6 | 4 | .0544 | 0.2176 |
| 7 | 4 | .0541 | 0.2164 |
| 8 | 4 | .0553 | 0.2212 |
| 9 | 4 | .0565 | 0.2260 |
| 10 | 4 | .0680 | 0.2720 |
| TOTAL: | | | 2.3300 |

Table 34. Area swept by push trawl, number of trawl runs completed, and total area swept by site during the 1981 Juvenile Recruitment Survey in the Patuxent River drainage.

| Site No. | No. of Hauls | Area Swept (ha.) | Total Area Swept (ha.) |
|----------|--------------|---------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 | 2 | .0520 | 0.1040 |
| 2 | 2 | .0463 | 0.0926 |
| 3 | 7 | .0450 | 0.3150 |
| 4 | 7 | .0453 | 0.3171 |
| 5 | 7 | .0462 | 0.3234 |
| 6 | 7 | .0461 | 0.3227 |
| 7 | 7 | .0483 | 0.3381 |
| 8 | 7 | .0490 | 0.3430 |
| TOTAL: | | | 2.1559 |

TABLE 35. Area swept by push trawl, number of trawl runs completed, and total area swept by site during the 1982 Juvenile Recruitment Survey in the Patuxent River drainage.

| Site No. | No. of Hauls | Area Swept (ha.) | Total Area Swept (ha.) |
|----------|--------------|---------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 | 7 | .0490 | 0.3430 |
| 2 | 7 | .0436 | 0.3052 |
| 3 | 7 | .0484 | 0.3388 |
| 4 | 7 | .0485 | 0.3394 |
| 5 | 7 | .0514 | 0.3596 |
| 6 | 7 | .0489 | 0.3423 |
| TOTAL: | | | 2.0283 |

Anadromous fish collected were identified, counted, measured (fork length in mm) and weighed (g). Species other than anadromous fishes were also counted, measured (fork length in mm), and weighed (g) by species. Environmental parameters including water temperature, salinity, depth and bottom type at each sample station, were recorded.

Stations were sampled for five minutes at 1200 or 1400 revolutions per minute (rpm), depending on the tide, with a 19 foot boat equipped with two 70 horsepower outboard engines. The trawl was fished in both directions of tidal movement. When the trawl was fished against the tide, both engines were operating at 1200 rpm; however, fishing the trawl with the tide, they were increased to 1400 rpm. This was done to standardize the volume of water passing through the trawl at a two knot speed. Thus, the push trawl could be fished at a predetermined rpm for a predetermined time (five minutes). According to VIMS personnel, the tide had no effect on the catch data with this trawl. Trawl distance and volume of water strained through the push net (flowmeter readings) were recorded.

All the sample stations in the Patuxent River drainage were established in the midwater areas of the river in water deeper than 1.8 m (6 ft.) depth (MLW) indicated on the respective navigation charts. All river stations were sampled at the lower summer nursery area in the river near the confluence of Chew Creek and Cocktown Creek (river mile 32.6), which was the lower limit of the first river herring catch. The upper summer nursery area was located at the farthest upriver sampling site (above Rt. 4) (river mile 48.6) which could be feasibly sampled with this gear (Figure 54). The nursery area may have extended farther up the river than sampled.

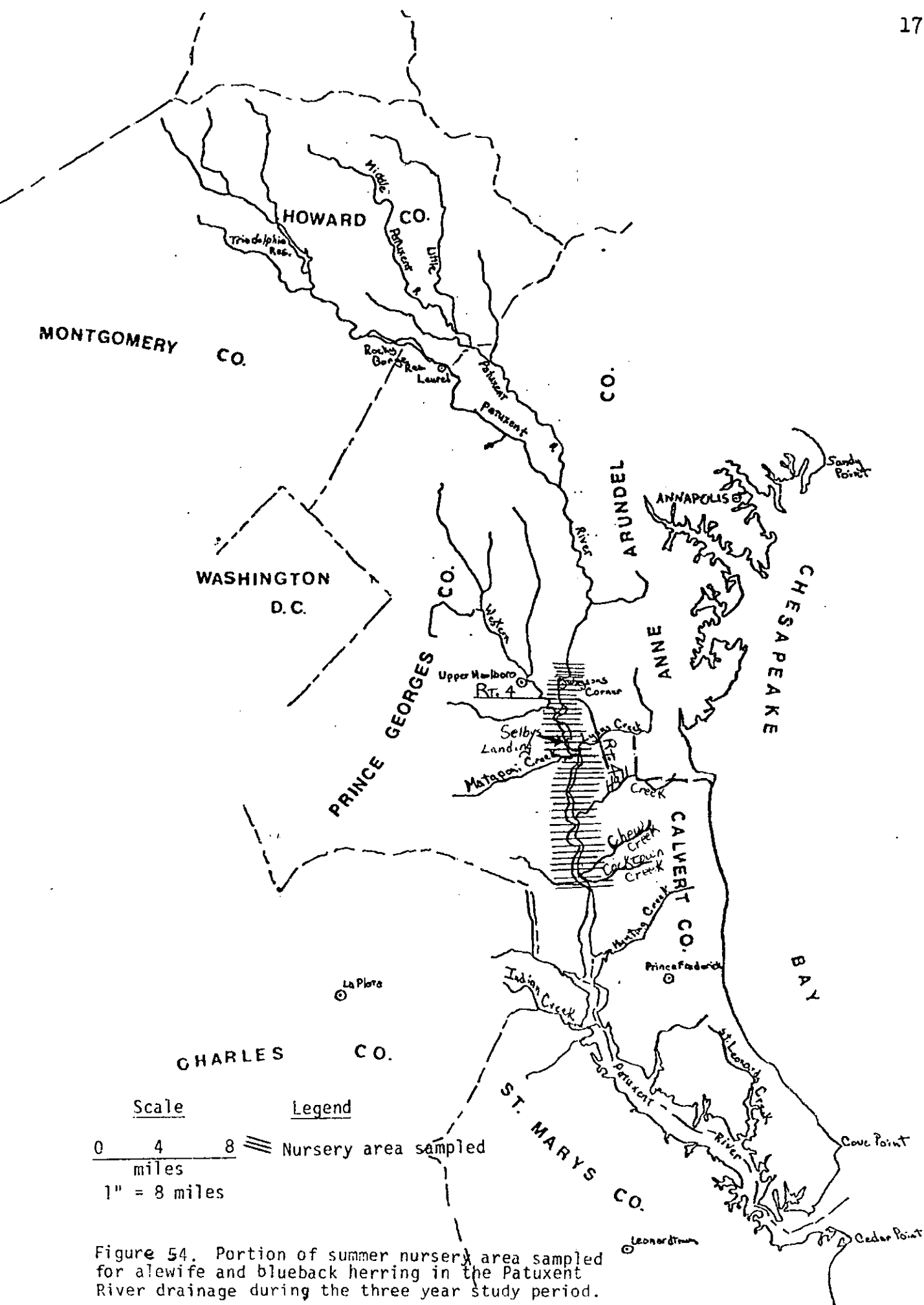


Figure 54. Portion of summer nursery area sampled for alewife and blueback herring in the Patuxent River drainage during the three year study period.

Generally, all sample locations in the study area were within the oligohaline ecological zone (fresh water to less than 5 ppt. salinity). After completion of the surveys, juvenile catch data were examined by species for density patterns within that portion of the nursery area sampled and estimates of catch-per-unit-of-effort (CPUE) were made.

The annual index of abundance is the catch-per-unit-of-effort (CPUE) derived from any necessary data adjustments for catch efficiency. One trawl haul was considered as one unit of effort.

B. Results and discussions:

1. Relative abundance:

The sampling objective of the study was to determine the relative abundance (CPUE) of herring in the Patuxent River, as an indice of successful reproduction of the 1980, 1981, and 1982 year classes. Comparison of the data showed changes in juvenile abundance between year classes. Hopefully, this data when compiled over a sufficient length of time and combined with data on year class composition of spawning adults will enable prediction of harvestable adult populations prior to the fishing season. This type of relationship may exist as suggested by Havey's (1973) work with alewife in Maine. His study found a linear relationship between the number of juveniles leaving the nursery area in the fall and the number of adults entering the spawning grounds four years later.

Number of samples and abundance for each year class of A. aestivalis (blueback herring) and A. pseudoharengus (alewife herring) for the Patuxent River are shown in Tables 36 through 38. The CPUE data for each herring species by month are shown in Figures 55 through 57. It was apparent that the 1982 year class for each species was considerably larger than the 1980

Table 36. Numbers caught and catch-per-unit-effort (CPUE*) by sampling site for young-of-year *Alosa aestivalis* and *Alosa pseudoharengus* with a push trawl during the 1980 Juvenile Recruitment Survey in the Patuxent River drainage.

| Site No. | Species | Catch | Effort (No. of Tows) | CPUE | Mean Distance in Meters | Mean Volume Filtered M ³ |
|-------------------|--|--|-------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------|--|
| 1 | No anadromous fish collected | | 4 | 0 | 450.53 | 1013.69 |
| 2 | No anadromous fish collected | | 4 | 0 | 400.15 | 900.35 |
| 3 | No anadromous fish collected | | 4 | 0 | 358.04 | 805.60 |
| 4 | <u>Alosa pseudoharengus</u> | 1 | 4 | .3 | 379.76 | 854.45 |
| 5 | No anadromous fish collected | | 4 | 0 | 340.93 | 767.10 |
| 6 | <u>Alosa aestivalis</u> | 2 | 4 | .5 | 356.95 | 803.13 |
| 7 | <u>A. aestivalis</u> | 1 | 4 | .3 | 354.80 | 798.31 |
| 8 | <u>A. aestivalis</u> | 1 | 4 | .3 | 362.81 | 816.31 |
| 9 | <u>A. aestivalis</u> <u>A. pseudoharengus</u> | 8 4 | 4 | 2.0 1.0 | 370.42 | 833.45 |
| 10 | <u>A. aestivalis</u> <u>A. pseudoharengus</u> | 170 21 | 4 | 42.5 5.3 | 446.21 | 1003.97 |
| Yearly Abundance: | | 182 26 | 40 | 4.55 .65 | 382.06 | 799.81 |
| | | <u>A. aestivalis</u> <u>A. pseudoharengus</u> | | | | |

* CPUE: Total number of a species/total number of hauls sampled.

Table 37. Numbers caught and catch-per-unit-effort (CPUE*) by sampling site for young-of-year Alosa aestivalis and Alosa pseudoharengus with a push trawl during the 1981 Juvenile Recruitment Survey in the Patuxent River drainage.

| Site No. | Species | Catch | Effort (No. of Tows) | CPUE | Mean Distance in Meters | Mean Volume Filtered M ³ |
|-------------------|---|----------|-------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|--|
| 1 | No anadromous fish collected | | 2 | 0 | 341.33 | 767.99 |
| 2 | <u>Alosa pseudoharengus</u> | 1 | 2 | 0.5 | 304.01 | 684.03 |
| 3 | No anadromous fish collected | | 7 | 0 | 295.48 | 664.83 |
| 4 | <u>Alosa pseudoharengus</u> | 1 | 7 | 0.1 | 297.45 | 669.27 |
| 5. | <u>Alosa aestivalis</u> <u>A. pseudoharengus</u> | 2 4 | 7 | 0.3 0.6 | 302.83 | 681.38 |
| 6 | <u>A. aestivalis</u> <u>A. pseudoharengus</u> | 1 6 | 7 | 0.1 0.9 | 302.62 | 680.89 |
| 7 | <u>A. aestivalis</u> <u>A. pseudoharengus</u> | 10 4 | 7 | 1.4 0.6 | 316.76 | 712.70 |
| 8 | <u>A. aestivalis</u> <u>A. pseudoharengus</u> | 65 28 | 7 | 18.6 4.0 | 301.17 | 677.63 |
| Yearly Abundance: | <u>A. aestivalis</u> <u>A. pseudoharengus</u> | 78 44 | 46 | 1.70 1.00 | 307.71 | 692.34 |

*CPUE: Total number of a species/total number of hauls sampled.

Table 38. Numbers caught and catch-per-unit-effort (CPUE*) by sampling site for young-of-year *Alosa aestivalis* and *Alosa pseudoharengus* with a push trawl during the 1982 Juvenile Recruitment Survey in the Patuxent River drainage.

| Site No. | Species | Catch | Effort (No. of Tows) | CPUE | Mean Distance in Meters | Mean Volume Filtered M ³ |
|--|--|--------------|-------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|--|
| 1 | <i>Alosa aestivalis</i> <i>Alosa pseudoharengus</i> | 3 132 | 7 | 0.43 18.86 | 321.46 | 723.29 |
| 2 | <i>A. pseudoharengus</i> | 161 | 7 | 23.0 | 285.99 | 643.48 |
| 3 | <i>A. aestivalis</i> <i>A. pseudoharengus</i> | 57 125 | 7 | 8.1 17.9 | 317.82 | 715.10 |
| 4 | <i>A. aestivalis</i> <i>A. pseudoharengus</i> | 2310 1321 | 7 | 330.0 188.7 | 318.11 | 715.75 |
| 5 | <i>A. aestivalis</i> <i>A. pseudoharengus</i> | 1152 661 | 7 | 164.6 94.4 | 337.04 | 758.34 |
| 6 | <i>A. aestivalis</i> <i>A. pseudoharengus</i> | 1129 31 | 7 | 161.3 4.4 | 320.75 | 721.69 |
| Yearly Abundance: <i>A. aestivalis</i> <i>A. pseudoharengus</i> | | 4651 2431 | 42 | 110.7 57.8 | 316.86 | 712.94 |

*CPUE: Total number of a species/total number of hauls sampled.

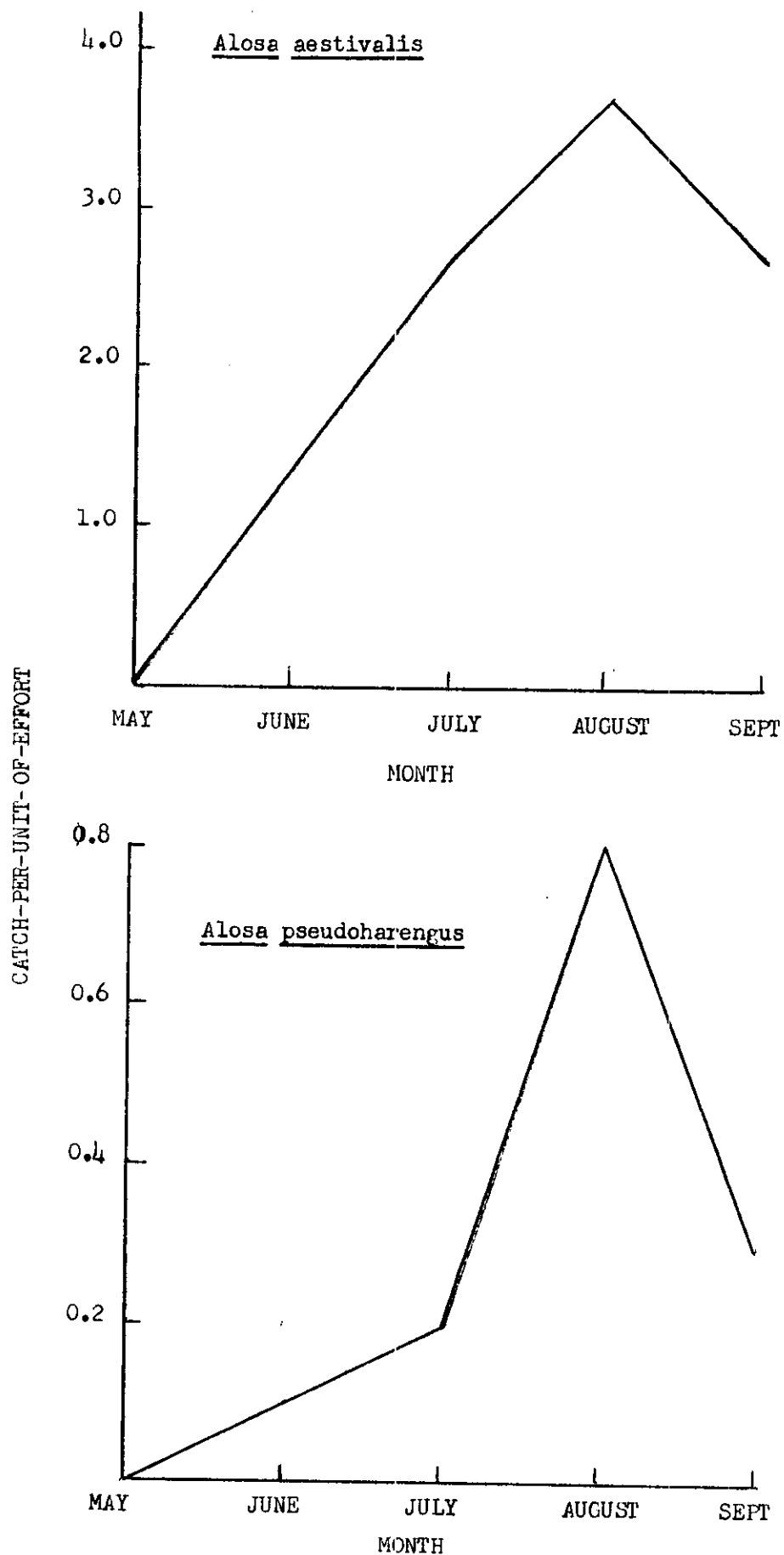


Figure 55. Monthly catch-per-unit-effort, 1980 year class of A. aestivalis and A. pseudoharengus in the Patuxent River.

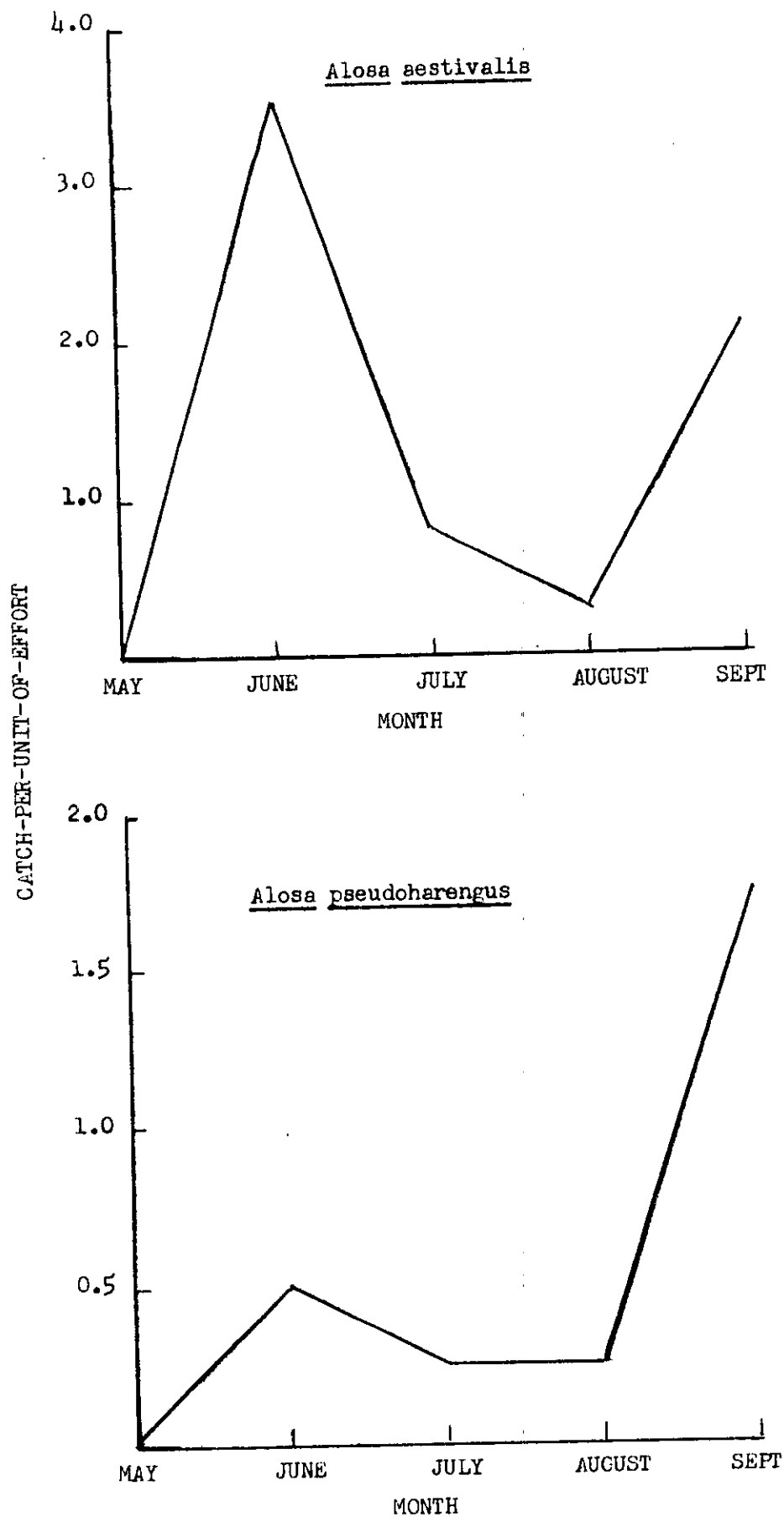


Figure 56. Monthly catch-per-unit-effort, 1981 year class of A. aestivalis and A. pseudoharengus in the Patuxent River.

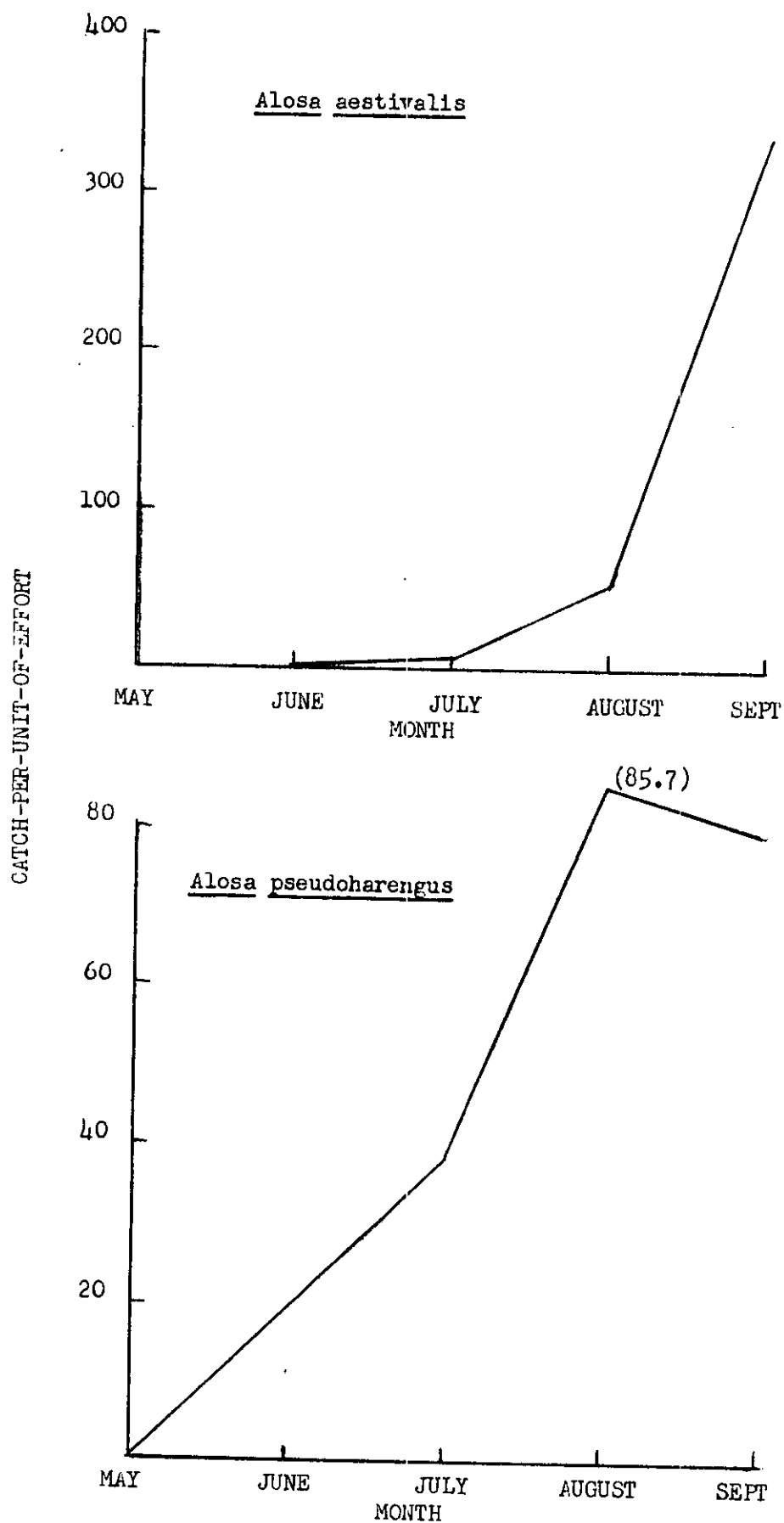


Figure 57. Monthly catch-per-unit-effort, 1982 year class of A. aestivalis and A. pseudoharengus in the Patuxent River.

and 1981 year classes. The overall CPUE for both species of river herring in the sampling area was 58.69 fish per haul for the three year study. Blueback herring CPUE figure in 1980 was 4.55 fish per haul; however, there was a considerable decline in the 1981 CPUE figure (1.70 fish per haul) for this species (Tables 36 and 37). This was probably due to the further decline in the adult stocks of blueback herring species as shown in Table 39.

The 1980 Patuxent River figure for alewife was .65 fish per haul which was very similar to the CPUE figure for 1981 (1.0 fish per haul). This data also reflects this downward trend in adult stocks as shown in Table 39.

In 1982, however, both alewife and blueback herring showed a strong year class (Table 38) with a CPUE index of 57.8 alewife and 110.7 blueback juveniles per haul. This reversed the decline for each species and could be considered a record year class. Alewife recovered from a 1980 index of .65 to 57.8 juveniles per haul in 1982. Blueback herring showed a dramatic recovery from a 1980 index of 4.55 juveniles per haul to 110.7 juveniles per haul in 1982. This high level of juvenile abundance for each herring species in 1982 will probably affect adult availability in three to four years as they return to spawn for the first time.

Even though there was a substantial increase in CPUE figures for each species in 1982, the commercial landings for the Patuxent River reflected a very small adult population of river herring (Table 39). As previously mentioned earlier in this report, the herring catch as reported by the licensed fishermen's reports to the statistical section of the Tidewater Administration was only 142 pounds for 1982. This record was probably invalid since the pound netters as well as the majority of the gill netters

Table 39. Maryland commercial landings - Patuxent River, statistical areas 168 and 268.

| <u>YEAR</u> | <u>HERRING CATCH (lbs.)</u> |
|-------------|-----------------------------|
| 1962 | 12,071 |
| 1963 | 8,045 |
| 1964 | 8,671 |
| 1965 | 5,630 |
| 1966 | 3,763 |
| 1967 | 3,735 |
| 1968 | 4,893 |
| 1969 | 16,005 |
| 1970 | 23,498 |
| 1971 | 21,406 |
| 1972 | 21,058 |
| 1973 | 16,371 |
| 1974 | 6,647 |
| 1975 | 13,228 |
| 1976 | 3,506 |
| 1977 | 1,471 |
| 1978 | 3,010 |
| 1979 | 2,378 |
| 1980 | 2,403 |
| 1981 | 2,398 |
| 1982 | 142 |

did not report their herring catch. Thus, it can only be assumed that there was a large spawning run of the adults as indicated by the CPUE figures for 1982.

Based on the findings of the three year study, the blueback herring CPUE greatly exceeded those for alewives (Tables 36 through 38). In each year, the dominant Alosa species in the samples was the blueback herring. According to Loesch et al 1979, blueback herring CPUE also greatly exceeded those for alewives in six rivers sampled, which are located in Virginia. In that year, blueback herring CPUE reached a maximum in July or early August, then declined. In contrast, alewife CPUE were generally greatest in June or early July and juveniles were more widely distributed in June and early July, had greater upriver concentrations in the summer, and then moved downward in September and October as a first stage of their seaward migration. The greater abundance of blueback herring CPUE could be due, in part, to the Alosa phototropic behavior (Loesch et al 1980); however, commercial landings indicate that blueback herring are more abundant than alewives. Differences in the time of maximal CPUE stem from the differences in time when the bulk of each species spawns. Changes in the distribution of juveniles probably reflect hydrological changes; apparently, juveniles move upriver in the summer because of lessening of fresh water runoff and ensuing encroachment of saline water (Loesch and Kriete, 1980).

Based on the findings from the Patuxent River study, the distribution pattern for both blueback and alewife herring CPUE reached a maximum in August and September (Figures 55 through 57). This distribution pattern was not similar to the Loesch et al, 1979 study (see discussion above). Data from the Patuxent River study did show a downriver migration, since

each species reached their maximum CPUE in September, which was probably a reflection of their seaward migration. The largest CPUE occurred at the farthest upriver sampling sites where the salinities were the lowest, ranging from less than .10 to .28 ppt. These sites were located in Western Branch, tributary to the Patuxent River, and the Patuxent River at 0.1 mile upriver from the confluence of Western Branch, and another site located immediately above Rt. 4 road crossing near Waysons Corner, Maryland.

2. Standing crop:

Altogether 41,641 fish were captured by the push trawl from the sampling area in 128 hauls, from which there were 34 species (Table 40). Summary estimates of density numbers, weights, and standing crop (number/hectare) of all species collected by this gear for each year sampled are presented in Table 41 through 43. The figures in the Tables are presented for both numerical density and weight density. The units are in the metric system ^{1/}. Numerical densities were rounded to the nearest whole number. In general, the estimates are for the standing crop of juvenile and older fish which are resident in the nursery area from June through November.

Standing crop estimates greatly increased in 1982 for each river herring species relative to 1980 and 1981. The push trawl used seemed to be selective to some degree for the Clupeidae species. These species included the anadromous genus Alosa (A. aestivalis and A. pseudoharengus), as well as the highly abundant Anchoa mitchilli (bay anchovy) and Brevoortia tyrannus (Atlantic menhaden). This could be due to the apparent tendency of these species to inhabit shallow or surface water and mid-water river areas. Street et al, (1975) and Johnson et al, (1977) inferred that

^{1/} To convert from the metric system to English: For numbers, divide number per hectare by 2.471 to yield number per acre, and for weight multiply kilograms per hectare by 0.892 to yield pounds per acre.

Table 40. Species caught during the 1980, 1981, and 1982 Juvenile Recruitment Surveys in the Patuxent River drainage.

| | Scientific Name | Common Name |
|----|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1 | <u>Alosa aestivalis</u> | Blueback herring |
| 2 | <u>Alosa pseudoharengus</u> | Alewife herring |
| 3 | <u>Anchoa mitchilli</u> | Bay Anchovy |
| 4 | <u>Anguilla rostrata</u> | American eel |
| 5 | <u>Brevoortia tyrannus</u> | Atlantic menhaden |
| 6 | <u>Caranx hippos</u> | Jack; Crevalle |
| 7 | <u>Catostomus commersoni</u> | White sucker |
| 8 | <u>Cynoscion regalis</u> | Weakfish |
| 9 | <u>Dorosoma cepedianum</u> | Gizzard shad |
| 10 | <u>Fundulus diaphanus</u> | Banded killfish |
| 11 | <u>Fundulus heteroclitus</u> | Mummichog |
| 12 | <u>Hybognathus nuchalis</u> | Silvery minnow |
| 13 | <u>Ictalurus catus</u> | White catfish |
| 14 | <u>Ictalurus nebulosus</u> | Brown bullhead |
| 15 | <u>Ictalurus punctatus</u> | Channel catfish |
| 16 | <u>Leiostomus xanthurus</u> | Spot |
| 17 | <u>Lepomis gibbosus</u> | Pumpkinseed |
| 18 | <u>Lepomis macrochirus</u> | Bluegill |
| 19 | <u>Membras martinica</u> | Rough silverside |
| 20 | <u>Menidia beryllina</u> | Tidewater silverside |
| 21 | <u>Menidia menidia</u> | Atlantic silverside |
| 22 | <u>Morone americana</u> | White perch |
| 23 | <u>Morone chrysops</u> | Hybrid (striped bass x white bass) |
| 24 | <u>Morone saxatilis</u> | Striped bass |
| 25 | <u>Notemigonus crysoleucas</u> | Golden shiner |
| 26 | <u>Notropis hudsonius</u> | Spottail shiner |
| 27 | <u>Peprilus alepidotus</u> | Harvestfish; Butterfish |
| 28 | <u>Perca flavescens</u> | Yellow perch |
| 29 | <u>Pomatomus saltatrix</u> | Bluefish |
| 30 | <u>Pomoxis annularis</u> | White crappie |
| 31 | <u>Pomoxis nigromaculatus</u> | Black crappie |
| 32 | <u>Strongylura marina</u> | Atlantic needlefish |
| 33 | <u>Trinectes maculatus</u> | Hogchoker |

34. Etheostoma olmstedii, Tessellated johnny darter, also collected

Table 41. Summary estimates of total number collected, total area swept, and standing crop in numbers and weights per hectare and per acre for all species as sampled by push trawl during the 1980 Juvenile Recruitment Survey in the Patuxent River drainage.

| Species | NUMERICAL | | WEIGHT | | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|-------------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| | Sample Size | Total Area Swept (hectare) | Mean No./ hectare | Mean No./ acre | Kg. lb. | Kg. per hectare lb. per hectare |
| <u>Alosa aestivalis</u> | 182 | 2.3300 | 78.11 | 31.61 | 0.247 0.545 | 0.106 0.095 |
| <u>Alosa pseudoharengus</u> | 26 | | 11.16 | 4.52 | 0.132 0.291 | 0.057 0.051 |
| <u>Anchoa mitchilli</u> | 4240 | | 1819.74 | 736.44 | 4.271 9.423 | 1.833 1.635 |
| <u>Anguilla rostrata</u> | 2 | | 0.86 | 0.35 | 0.188 0.415 | 0.081 0.072 |
| <u>Brevoortia tyrannus</u> | 10078 | | 4235.32 | 1750.43 | 115.438 254.685 | 49.544 44.193 |
| <u>Cynoscion regalis</u> | 92 | | 39.49 | 15.98 | 0.412 0.909 | 0.177 0.158 |
| <u>Caranx hippos</u> | 1 | | 0.43 | 0.17 | 0.003 0.007 | 0.001 0.001 |
| <u>Dorosoma cepedianum</u> | 48 | | 20.60 | 8.34 | 0.368 0.812 | 0.158 0.141 |
| <u>Hybognathus nuchalis</u> | 10 | | 4.29 | 1.74 | 0.018 0.040 | 0.008 0.007 |
| <u>Ictalurus catus</u> | 10 | | 4.29 | 1.74 | 0.805 1.776 | 0.346 0.308 |
| <u>Ictalurus punctatus</u> | 40 | | 17.17 | 6.95 | 0.972 2.145 | 0.417 0.372 |
| <u>Membras martinica</u> | 36 | | 15.45 | 6.25 | 0.071 0.157 | 0.031 0.027 |
| <u>Menidia beryllina</u> | 20 | | 8.58 | 3.47 | 0.040 0.088 | 0.017 0.015 |
| <u>Menidia menidia</u> | 5 | | 2.15 | 1.91 | 0.014 0.031 | 0.006 0.005 |
| <u>Morone americana</u> | 8 | | 3.43 | 1.39 | 0.731 1.613 | 0.314 0.280 |
| <u>Notropis hudsonius</u> | 21 | | 9.01 | 3.65 | 0.024 0.053 | 0.010 0.009 |

Table 41. Summary estimates for 1980 Juvenile Recruitment Survey (Cont'd).

| Species | NUMERICAL | | | WEIGHT | | | |
|----------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|-------------------|----------------|---------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | Sample Size | Total Area Swept (hectare) | Mean No./ hectare | Mean No./ acre | Kg. lb. | Kg. per hectare | lb. per hectare |
| <u>Peprilus alepidotus</u> | 7 | 2.3300 | 3.00 | 1.22 | 0.210 | 0.463 | 0.090 |
| <u>Pomatomus saltatrix</u> | 10 | | 4.29 | 1.74 | 0.783 | 1.728 | 0.336 |
| <u>Strongylura marina</u> | 1 | | 0.43 | 0.17 | 0.078 | 0.172 | 0.034 |
| <u>Trinectes maculatus</u> | 7 | | 3.00 | 1.22 | 0.078 | 0.172 | 0.034 |
| TOTALS | 14844 | 2.3300 | 6370.82 | 2579.29 | 124.883 | 275.525 | 53.599 |
| | | | | | | | 47.809 |

Table 42. Summary estimates of total number collected, total area swept, and standing crop in numbers and weights per hectare and per acre for all species as sampled by push trawl during the 1981 Juvenile Recruitment Survey in the Patuxent River drainage.

| Species | NUMERICAL | | WEIGHT | | | |
|------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|------------------|---------------|---------|---------------------------------|
| | Sample Size | Total Area Swept (hectare) | Mean No./hectare | Mean No./acre | Kg. lb. | Kg. per hectare lb. per hectare |
| <u>Alosa aestivalis</u> | 78 | 2.1559 | 36.18 | 14.64 | 0.139 | 0.307 0.065 0.058 |
| <u>Alosa pseudoharengus</u> | 44 | | 20.41 | 8.26 | 0.265 | 0.585 0.123 0.110 |
| <u>Anchoa mitchilli</u> | 3531 | | 1637.83 | 662.82 | 5.209 | 11.492 2.416 2.155 |
| <u>Anguilla rostrata</u> | 22 | | 10.21 | 4.13 | 0.577 | 1.273 0.268 0.239 |
| <u>Brevoortia tyrannus</u> | 2729 | | 1265.83 | 512.27 | 24.312 | 53.638 11.277 10.059 |
| <u>Catostomus commersoni</u> | 1 | | 0.46 | 0.19 | 0.036 | 0.079 0.017 0.015 |
| <u>Cynoscion regalis</u> | 21 | | 9.74 | 3.94 | 0.132 | 0.291 0.061 0.055 |
| <u>Dorosoma cepedianum</u> | 48 | | 22.27 | 9.01 | 0.045 | 0.099 0.021 0.019 |
| <u>Etheostoma olmstedii</u> | 2 | | 0.93 | 0.38 | 0.007 | 0.015 0.003 0.003 |
| <u>Fundulus diaphanus</u> | 5 | | 2.32 | 2.07 | 0.009 | 0.019 0.004 0.004 |
| <u>Hybognathus nuchalis</u> | 84 | | 38.96 | 15.77 | 0.475 | 1.048 0.220 0.197 |
| <u>Ictalurus catus</u> | 10 | | 4.64 | 1.88 | 1.101 | 2.429 0.511 0.456 |
| <u>Ictalurus punctatus</u> | 18 | | 8.35 | 3.38 | 0.892 | 1.968 0.414 0.369 |
| <u>Leiostomus xanthurus</u> | 54 | | 25.05 | 10.14 | 1.408 | 3.106 0.653 0.583 |
| <u>Lepomis macrochirus</u> | 1 | | 0.46 | 0.19 | 0.008 | 0.017 0.004 0.003 |
| <u>Membras martinica</u> | 38 | | 17.63 | 7.13 | 0.118 | 0.260 0.055 0.049 |

Table 42. Summary estimate for 1981 Juvenile Recruitment Survey (Cont'd).

| Species | NUMERICAL | | | WEIGHT | | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|-------------------|----------------|--------|---------|-----------------|
| | Sample Size | Total Area Swept (hectare) | Mean No./ hectare | Mean No./ acre | Kg. | lb. | lb. per hectare |
| <u>Menidia beryllina</u> | 6861 | 2.1559 | 3182.43 | 1287.91 | 18.772 | 41.416 | 8.707 |
| <u>Menidia menidia</u> | 46 | | 21.34 | 8.64 | 0.093 | 0.205 | 0.043 |
| <u>Morone americana</u> | 46 | | 21.34 | 8.64 | 2.768 | 6.107 | 1.284 |
| <u>Notropis hudsonius</u> | 193 | | 89.52 | 36.23 | 1.214 | 2.678 | 0.563 |
| <u>Pomatomus saltatrix</u> | 1 | | 0.46 | 0.19 | 0.010 | 0.022 | 0.005 |
| <u>Pomoxis nigromaculatus</u> | 1 | | 0.46 | 0.19 | 0.078 | 0.172 | 0.036 |
| <u>Trinectes maculatus</u> | 51 | | 23.66 | 9.57 | 0.305 | 0.673 | 0.142 |
| TOTALS | 13885 | 2.1559 | 6440.48 | 2607.57 | 57.973 | 127.899 | 26.892 |
| | | | | | | | 23.989 |

Table 43. Summary estimates of total number collected, total area swept, and standing crop in numbers and weights per hectare and per acre for all species as sampled by push trawl during the 1982 Juvenile Recruitment Survey in the Patuxent River drainage.

| Species | NUMERICAL | | | WEIGHT | | |
|------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|-------------------|----------------|---------|---------------------------------|
| | Sample Size | Total Area Swept (hectare) | Mean No./ hectare | Mean No./ acre | Kg. lb. | Kg. per lb. per hectare hectare |
| <u>Alosa aestivalis</u> | 4651 | 2.0283 | 2,293.05 | 927.99 | 5.434 | 11.989 2.679 2.390 |
| <u>Alosa pseudoharengus</u> | 2431 | | 1,198.54 | 485.04 | 1.606 | 3.543 0.792 0.706 |
| <u>Anchoa mitchilli</u> | 886 | | 436.82 | 176.78 | 0.631 | 1.392 0.311 0.278 |
| <u>Anguilla rostrata</u> | 3 | | 1.48 | 0.60 | 0.117 | 0.258 0.057 0.052 |
| <u>Brevoortia tyrannus</u> | 4113 | | 2,027.81 | 820.64 | 25.055 | 55.278 12.353 11.019 |
| <u>Cynoscion regalis</u> | 8 | | 3.94 | 1.60 | 0.036 | 0.079 0.018 0.016 |
| <u>Dorosoma cepedianum</u> | 300 | | 147.91 | 59.86 | 0.145 | 0.320 0.072 0.064 |
| <u>Fundulus diaphanus</u> | 5 | | 2.47 | 1.00 | 0.012 | 0.027 0.006 0.005 |
| <u>Fundulus heteroclitus</u> | 2 | | 0.99 | 0.40 | 0.007 | 0.015 0.004 0.003 |
| <u>Hybognathus nuchalis</u> | 64 | | 31.55 | 12.77 | 0.400 | 0.883 0.197 0.176 |
| <u>Ictalurus catus</u> | 25 | | 12.36 | 4.99 | 0.285 | 0.629 0.141 0.125 |
| <u>Ictalurus punctatus</u> | 8 | | 3.94 | 1.60 | 0.254 | 0.560 0.125 0.112 |
| <u>Leiostomus xanthurus</u> | 4 | | 1.97 | 0.80 | 0.073 | 0.161 0.036 0.032 |
| <u>Membras martinica</u> | 3 | | 1.48 | 0.60 | 0.006 | 0.013 0.003 0.003 |
| <u>Menidia beryllina</u> | 321 | | 158.26 | 64.05 | 0.459 | 1.013 0.226 0.202 |
| <u>Menidia menidia</u> | 29 | | 14.30 | 5.79 | 0.037 | 0.082 0.018 0.016 |

Table 43. Summary estimates for 1982 Juvenile Recruitment Survey (Cont'd).

| Species | NUMERICAL | | | WEIGHT | | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|-------------------|----------------|---------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | Sample Size | Total Area Swept (hectare) | Mean No./ hectare | Mean No./ acre | Kg. lb. | Kg. per hectare | lb. per hectare |
| <u>Morone americana</u> | 23 | 2.0283 | 11.34 | 4.59 | 0.878 | 1.937 | 0.433 |
| <u>Morone saxatilis</u> | 6 | | 2.96 | 1.20 | 0.447 | 0.986 | 0.220 |
| <u>Notemigonus crysoleucas</u> | 7 | | 3.45 | 1.40 | 0.203 | 0.448 | 0.100 |
| <u>Notropis hudsonius</u> | 25 | | 12.33 | 4.99 | 0.179 | 0.395 | 0.088 |
| <u>Pomatomus saltatrix</u> | 2 | | 0.99 | 0.40 | 0.120 | 0.265 | 0.059 |
| <u>Trinectes maculatus</u> | 5 | | 2.47 | 1.00 | 0.013 | 0.029 | 0.006 |
| <u>Morone sp. (hybrid bass)</u> | 1 | | 0.49 | 0.20 | 0.002 | 0.004 | 0.001 |
| TOTALS | 12922 | 2.0283 | 6,369.90 | 2578.29 | 36.399 | 80.306 | 17.945 |
| | | | | | | | 16.007 |

the alosids, especially blueback herring, preferred shallow water areas for nursery grounds. Burbidge (1974) also found that juvenile blueback herring were concentrated in surface waters in the James River, Virginia.

According to a study by Conte et al, (1980) on day/night trawling effort in the upper Chesapeake Bay, bay anchovy was the only species sampled that exhibited offshore migration at night. Maximum catches of this species was taken at the six meter contour during the nighttime. Catch percentage at the six meter contour was greater at night, whereas catch percentage at the two meter contour was greater during the day. The total catch in most night series of sampling suggests that the majority of bay anchovy migrate farther offshore than the six meter contour at night. This pattern of apparent offshore migration could help explain why this plankton-feeding species was so readily caught during the nighttime with the push trawl in the Patuxent River. According to this study, maximum catches of Atlantic menhaden were taken primarily at the four and six meter contours. There was greater differences in percentage of catch during the nighttime as compared to the day catches on all sampling dates. Significantly larger fish were taken onshore for all transects compared. A significant percentage of this species was also taken in the mid-water and surface locations at these contours. The apparent density pattern of this species within the nursery area could help explain the large catches with the push trawl during the three year study in the Patuxent River.

Alosa pseudoharengus:

Alewife herring were taken on all sampling dates and were more widely distributed than juvenile blueback herring. Night catches totalled 2,501 fish, of which 978 (39%) were taken in September 1982 (Figure 58). This was probably due to greater reproductive success during this year and also the fact that in September juveniles become more concentrated downriver as a first stage of their seaward migration (Loesch and Kriete, 1980).

Lowest numerical abundance totalled 206 in numbers (94.87/hectare) in the sampling sites located below Lyons Creek, whereas the highest abundance, totalling 2,205 in numbers (1,015.47/hectare) occurred at the sampling sites above Lyons Creek during the three year study period. This could be attributed to different salinities from both areas of the river (see discussion above). The greatest differences in percentage of catch occurred in September 1982, when the maximum salinity gradients occurred (Figure 58). Apparently, both the diel migration pattern and size distribution of juvenile alewife herring were influenced by a preference for higher salinity, which was greater for the larger individuals (55 fish, \bar{x} 84 mm). Both maximum catch and mean length of alewife herring were taken in August and September during the three year period, when the maximum salinity gradients occurred. This size related response to higher salinities may also be important in the pattern of downriver migration of alewives in the late summer and early fall. Weight abundance was identical in distribution to numerical density; sampling sites downriver from Lyons Creek was lowest at .261 kg./hectare, while the highest abundance occurred at the sampling sites above Lyons Creek (1.149 kg./hectare).

Anchovy mitchilli:

Bay anchovy were taken on every sampling date. Night catches totaled 8,657 fish, of which 4,479 were taken in September for the entire study

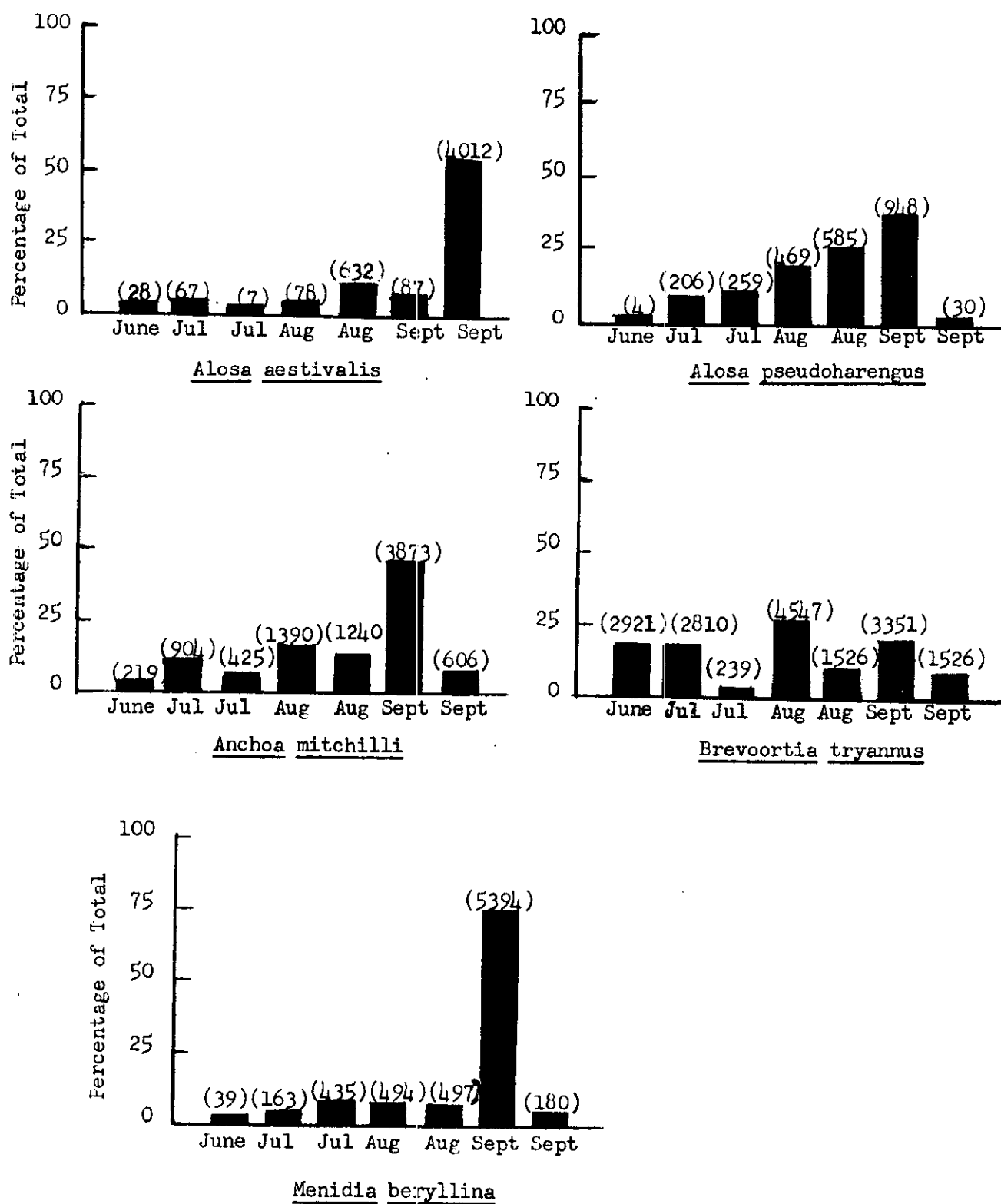


Figure 58. Percentages of total species catches for each biweekly sampling date, 1980-1982 (June sampling occurred only once). Total species catches for each date are indicated in parentheses.

period, which is over 50% of the total catch (Figure 58). Maximum catches were taken in the Patuxent River at the sampling sites located below Lyons Creek, where the highest salinities occurred. Numerical abundance below Lyons Creek totaled 7,876 in numbers (3,627.15/hectare), while the sampling sites above Lyons Creek had very low abundance, totaling 781 in numbers (359.68/hectare). Weight abundance, similarly, was highest at the sites below Lyons Creek (2.476 kg./hectare) and lowest above Lyons Creek (0.688 kg./hectare). Weight density for this species was lowest (0.030 kg./hectare) at the site located above Rt. 4 road crossing near Waysons Corner, Maryland, where salinity ranged from less than .10 to .19 ppt. for the three year period.

Brevoortia tyrannus:

Atlantic menhaden were taken on all sampling dates. Night catches totaled 16,920 fish, of which 5,819 (34%) were taken in August and September 1980 (Figure 58). This species was distributed relatively evenly throughout the sampling locations for each year. There was very little differences in percentage of catch for each sampling period (Figure 58), except the August sampling period (6,073 fish), which totaled 36% of the total catch. Maximum catches of menhaden were not affected by higher salinity gradients at the sampling sites.

During 1980 the sampling sites located in low salinity areas of the river (above Lyons Creek where salinities ranged from less than .10 to 1.10 ppt.) totaled 5,441 (2,505.76/hectare) fish as compared to 6.242 (2,874.64/hectare) fish in the higher salinity areas (below Lyons Creek where salinities ranged from .11 to 9.50 ppt.).

Overall, numerical and weight abundance were, however, much larger in the sampling sites located in the freshwater portions of the Patuxent River

(above Lyons Creek). Numerical abundance was slightly greater at the sites below Lyons Creek, totaling 9,607 in numbers (4,424.34/hectare), as compared to the 8,803 fish (4,054.07/hectare) in the sampling sites above Lyons Creek. Numerical abundance was highest at the Selby Landing site, totaling 4,928 in numbers (2,269.50/hectare), which is located .9 mile upriver from Lyons Creek. The lowest numerical density was at the site located above Rt. 4 road crossing, totaling 675 in numbers (310.86/hectare). This site was expected to have the lowest density, since it is located the farthest upriver with the lowest salinity (less than .10 to .19 ppt.). Weight abundance was greater at the sites located above Lyons Creek (55.107 kg./hectare) than it was below this stream (32.626 kg./hectare). Maximum weight abundance of 50.750 kg. (23.372 kg./hectare) occurred at one site in the river where the salinity ranged from less than .10 to .90 ppt. This site was located .7 mile above the confluence of Western Branch.

Menidia beryllina:

Tidewater silversides were taken on every date sampled except for the July and September 1980 samples. Night catches totaled 7,202 fish, of which 5,394 (75%) were taken during September 1981 (Figure 58). This is attributed to the extremely large catch at the sampling site located in Western Branch, which totaled 4,171 in numbers (1,934.69/hectare) during 1981. This large catch in Western Branch could be due to the push trawl sampling the entire water column (1.5 m). The greatest differences in percentage of catch (75% of the total catch) occurred during the first sampling series in September 1981 (Figure 58). On all other sampling dates as shown in Figure 58, this species was distributed relatively even.

Lowest numerical abundance totaled 892 in numbers (410.80/hectare) in the sampling sites located below Lyons Creek, while the highest abundance, totaling 6,310 in numbers (2,905.96/hectare) were found in the sites above Lyons Creek for the three year study period. Weight abundance parallel to numerical abundance; sampling sites located downriver from Lyons Creek was lowest (0.752 kg./hectare), while the highest abundance (8.518 kg./hectare) occurred in the sampling sites located above Lyons Creek. Both the high numerical and weight densities can be attributed to the apparent salinity preference of this species for lower salinity.

In summary, sampling data suggest that these five species exhibit different diel abundance and distribution depending on their salinity preference, which appeared to be influencing the catches. Night catches were found to be greatest during September for each year, when the maximum salinity gradients occurred. Only the plankton-feeding Atlantic menhaden showed no apparent effect on its total catch by higher or lower salinity gradients in the river. Numerical densities were very similar in distribution to weight densities; sampling sites located downriver from Lyons Creek, where salinities were high, ranging from .11 to 9.50 ppt (\bar{x} 1.96 ppt) had the lowest numerical and weight abundances. Sites above Lyons Creek, which had salinities ranging from less than .10 to 1.10 ppt (\bar{x} .21 ppt.), had the highest numerical and weight densities for each species.

3. Growth:

The mean fork lengths of juvenile blueback and alewife herring in the Patuxent River drainage are shown in Table 44 for each month of sampling. The growth rates of the young-of-year river herring from the study area have been plotted in Figure 59. Fish from the 1981 year class were generally larger than those from the more numerous 1982 year class (see

Table 44. Mean fork length (mm) of juvenile Alosa species by month from the Patuxent River drainage (rounded off to the nearest mm) in 1980, 1981, and 1982.

| Location and Species | June | July | August | September |
|-----------------------------|--------|---------|----------|-----------|
| Patuxent River - 1980 | | | | |
| <u>Alosa aestivalis</u> | | 41(54) | 50(74) | 57(54) |
| <u>Alosa pseudoharengus</u> | 41* | 62(4) | 72(16) | 75(5) |
| Patuxent River - 1981 | | | | |
| <u>A. aestivalis</u> | 36(28) | 42(12) | 59(4) | 63(34) |
| <u>A. pseudoharengus</u> | 54(4) | 56(6) | 64(6) | 78(28) |
| Patuxent River - 1982 | | | | |
| <u>A. aestivalis</u> | | 29(7) | 51(632) | 55(4012) |
| <u>A. pseudoharengus</u> | | 45(456) | 56(1028) | 77(947) |

() - Sample Size

* - Data not sufficient to characterize a mean for that month (only one specimen collected).

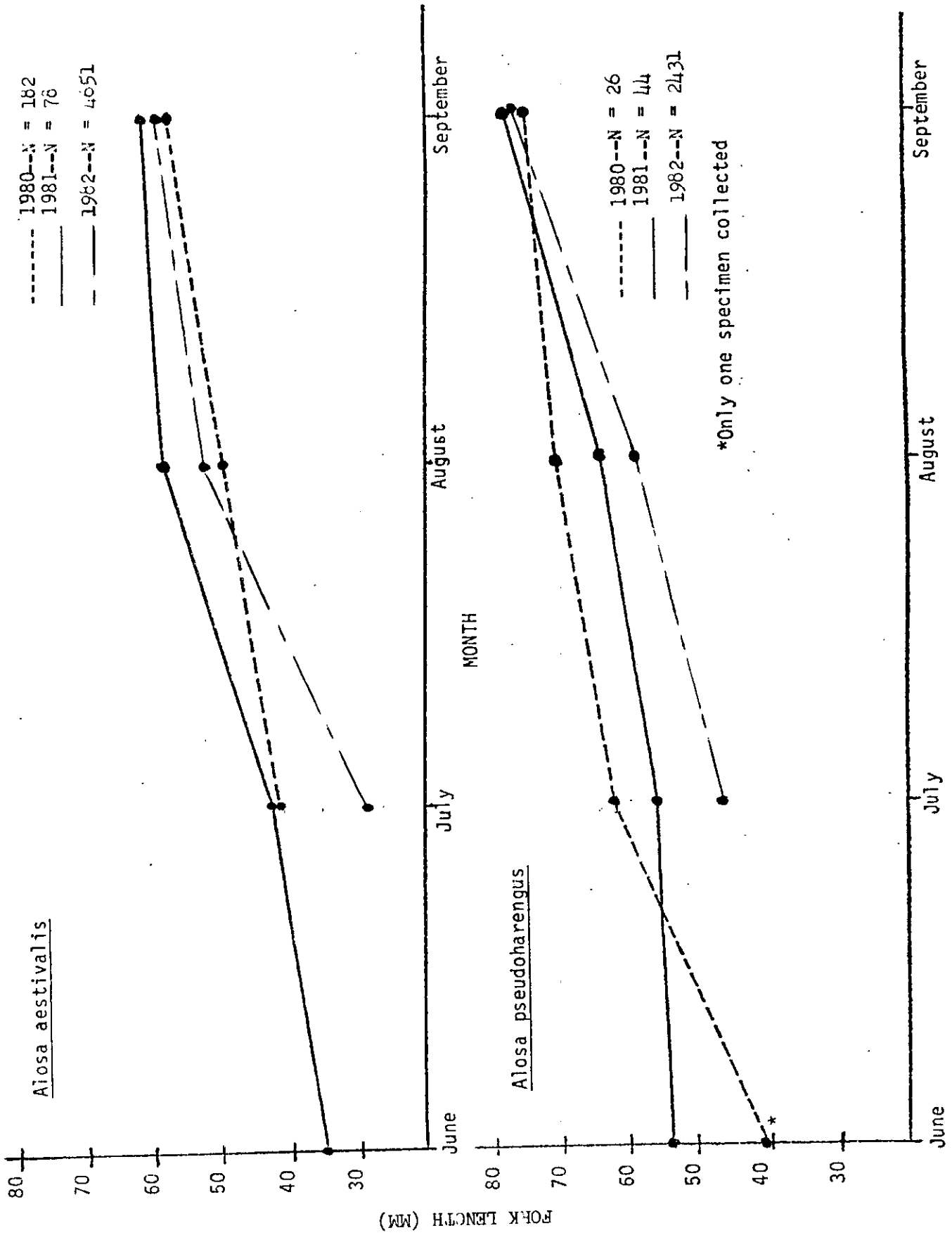


Figure 59. Mean fork-length of juvenile *Alosa* species for 1980, 1981, and 1982 year class by month (June through September), for the Patuxent River.

discussion of relative abundance above), suggesting that growth might be somewhat density-dependent as shown in Figure 59. Although the growth rates vary from year to year, blueback herring were generally much smaller than alewife herring for each month (Table 44). The only explanation that can be offered is the differences in time when the bulk of each species spawns (blueback herring usually a few weeks behind alewife herring).

Alewives entered the Patuxent River several weeks earlier than bluebacks to spawn. Growth during the three year study was very similar. The higher growth rate in 1980 and 1981 may be due to the relatively small sample sizes for each year. The flatness of the growth curves can be related to juvenile movement, suggesting migration of the larger fish.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

Biological sampling to document watercourses utilized by anadromous species for spawning and nursery areas and stream surveys to inventory watercourse conditions affecting spawning have been conducted since 1968 under Projects AFC-3, AFC-8, AFC-9, and AFC-10. Many of the streams located in the 17 Maryland counties having anadromous fish spawning potential were investigated in the studies. Extensive biological sampling data to determine spawning streams was conducted on over 500 watercourses in the upper Chesapeake Bay and Western Shore river drainages. Surveys to locate and record barriers and other stream conditions were performed on streams sampled for anadromous spawners plus some additional watercourses during the studies. The following measures are, therefore, recommended to promote and improve anadromous fish (and other species) propagation and conservation in the Chesapeake Bay drainage system.

1. Natural resources management agencies of Maryland involved in fisheries management and/or environmental review of proposed watershed development projects should give priority planning consideration to projects affecting anadromous fish passage and propagation potential on identified spawning streams in the river systems of Maryland.
2. Future studies, similar to the present one, should be conducted to ascertain additional streams utilized by anadromous fish species in the Eastern Shore drainage systems of Maryland and conditions along watercourses affecting fish passage and spawning success. High priority for initial stream investigation should be given to watercourses in areas of expanding domestic populations and watershed developments where stream pollution and alterations are likely to occur.

3. On anadromous spawning streams, future study projects are recommended to assess populations of fish species blocked by stream barriers. These obstacles should be removed or mitigated to allow anadromous and other species of fish access to spawning areas, where upstream conditions are suitable for spawning.
4. Policy should be continued to prohibit or mitigate the construction of dams, raised culverts, and other stream barriers on anadromous spawning streams in order to preserve spawning areas.
5. Stream inventory data should be collected on a systematic stream and river drainage basis, using past study methods and procedures. Collected information on anadromous fish spawning species, stream barriers and other data collected in the Anadromous Fish Stream Survey Project should be disseminated to management agencies for utilization in environmental review, thereby preventing potential losses of spawning habitat.
6. Some problem situations that are documented along watercourses, including pollution discharges and stream alterations, are unknown to responsible management agencies. The systematic written referral of stream problem conditions in violation of Maryland's Natural Resources laws and regulations should be continued to bring about improvements in conditions for aquatic life.
7. Planting anadromous fish stocks (of eggs and/or fish) in watercourses devoid of anadromous spawners or having low populations of these species may be a feasible means of establishing and/or improving fish propagation potential of streams.

8. Although there is extensive documentation on the spawning behavior and life cycles of river herring (alewife and/or blueback) in various watersheds along the northeastern United States, there are only limited reports for the Maryland portion of the Chesapeake Bay. Continuation of studies, similar to the past one, should be conducted to characterize the structure of adult spawning populations of alewife and blueback herring. Future studies are recommended to contribute to the life histories of each herring species by aging to determine the age composition and spawning history of each respective spawning population, growth rates, sex ratios, and percentage of first and repeat spawners. Completion of these studies will contribute significantly to a data base needed for rational management alternatives and catch allocations at the state level.

Recommendations one, two, four, five, and six have been implemented and will be continued during the course of anadromous fish survey and inventory in the Eastern Shore river drainages of Maryland.

In view of the dramatic decline of all anadromous fish populations in the Chesapeake Bay since 1970, especially with the closure of the commercial shad fishery in 1980, recommendations three and seven need to be implemented in an attempt to increase spawning habitat (#3) and population levels (#7) of anadromous species in the Chesapeake Bay drainage.

Appendix A. River tributaries sampled in the Patuxent River study area and anadromous species documented by Project AFC-10, 1980-83 1/.

| Streams Sampled 1/ | Station No. | Stream Mile | Stream Character | Type of Sampling | Salinity 2/ Range (ppt) | Anadromous Species Collected 3/ | | | | | |
|--------------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|--------------|------|-------------|--------------|
| | | | | | | Herring 4/ Alewife | Blueback Herring | Striped Bass | Shad | White Perch | Yellow Perch |
| Battle Creek | 1 | 3.9 | Fluvial | Plankton/Trap | .10L-.10L | | | | | | |
| Black Swamp Creek | 1 | 0.6 | Tidal | Plankton | .10L-2.20 | | | Ye | | | |
| | 2 | 1.3 | Tidal | Plankton | .10L-.10 | | | Ye | | Ye, 1 | |
| | 3 | 3.0 | Fluvial | Plankton/Trap | .10L-.10L | | | | | | |
| Charles Branch | 1 | 0.2 | Tidal | Plankton | .10L-.17 | Xe | | Ye | | Xe, 1 | |
| | 2 | 2.7 | Fluvial | Plankton/Trap | .10-.12 | | | | | | Y1 |
| | 3 | 3.7 | Fluvial | Plankton/Trap | .10-.12 | | | | | | |
| Chew Creek | 1 | 0.8 | Tidal | Plankton | .10L-3.60 | | | | | Xe | |
| | 2 | 1.8 | Tidal | Plankton | .10L-.12 | | | | | Xe | |
| Cocktown Creek | 1 | 0.6 | Tidal | Plankton | .10L-2.00 | | | | | Xe, 1 | |
| | 2 | 1.3 | Tidal | Plankton | .10L-.20 | Xe | | | | Ye, 1 Y1 | |
| | 3 | 3.3 | Fluvial | Plankton/Trap | .10L-.10 | | | | | | |
| Collington Branch | 1 | 0.2 | Fluvial | Plankton/Trap | .10L-.12 | Xe | | | | Xe, 1 | |
| | 2 | 1.5 | Fluvial | Plankton/Trap | .10L-.11 | | | | | Xe | |
| Cuckold Creek | 1 | 3.3 | Fluvial | Plankton/Trap | .10L-.10L | | | | | | A-1 |

Appendix A. River tributaries sampled in the Patuxent River study area and anadromous species documented by Project AFC-10, 1980-83 1/ (Continued).

| Streams Sampled 1/ | Station No. | Stream Mile | Stream Character | Type of Sampling | Salinity 2/ Range (ppt) | Anadromous Species Collected 3/ | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|--------------|------|-------------|--------------|
| | | | | | | Herring 4/ Alewife | Blueback Herring | Striped Bass | Shad | White Perch | Yellow Perch |
| Davidsonville Branch | 1 | 0.2 | Fluvial | Plankton/Trap | .10L-.11 | | | | | | |
| Ferry Branch | 1 | 0.7 | Fluvial | Plankton/Trap | .10L-.10 | | | | | | |
| Friday Creek | 1 | 0.2 | Tidal | Plankton | .10L-1.00 | | | | | Ye, 1 | Y1 |
| Graham Creek | 1 | 0.0 | Tidal | Plankton/Trap | .10L-.34 | | | Xe | | Xa, e, 1 | Xa |
| Green Branch | 1 | 0.3 | Fluvial | Plankton/Trap | .10L-.11 | | | | | | |
| Hall Creek | 1 | 1.6 | Tidal | Plankton | .10-.80 | Xe, 1 | | Xe, 1 | | Xe, 1 | X1 |
| | 2 | 2.5 | Tidal | Plankton | .10-.37 | X1 | | Xe | | Xe, 1 | X1 |
| Hellen Creek | 1 | 2.0 | Tidal | Plankton/Trap | .10L-1.00 | | | | | | |
| Mataponi Creek | 1 | 0.5 | Tidal | Plankton | .10L-.16 | Xe, 1 | | | | Ye, 1 | Y1 |
| Midway Branch | 1 | 0.0 | Fluvial | Plankton/Trap | .10-.14 | Xe, 1 | | | Xa | | |
| | 2 | 0.6 | Fluvial | Plankton/Trap | .10-.16 | | | | | | |
| Mill Branch | 1 | 0.1 | Fluvial | Plankton/Trap | .10L-.10 | Xe | | | | | |
| | 2 | 1.3 | Fluvial | Plankton/Trap | .10L-.10 | | | | | | |
| Mill Creek (trib. to Patuxent R.) | 1 | 3.3 | Fluvial | Plankton/Trap | .10L-.10L | | | | | Xa | Xa |
| Mill Creek (trib. to Hunting Creek) | 1 | 0.5 | Tidal | Plankton | .10L-.34 | | | | | Xe | X1 |

Appendix A. River tributaries sampled in the Patuxent River study area and anadromous species documented by Project AFC-10, 1980-83 1/ (Continued).

| Streams Sampled 1/ | Station No. | Stream Mile | Stream Character | Type of Sampling | Salinity 2/ Range (ppt) | Anadromous Species Collected 3/ | | | | | | |
|--------------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|---------|------------------|--------------|------|-------------|--------------|
| | | | | | | Herring 4/ | Alewife | Blueback Herring | Striped Bass | Shad | White Perch | Yellow Perch |
| Mt. Nebo Branch | 1 | 0.1 | Fluvial | Plankton/Trap | .10-.16 | Xe,1 | | | | | Xe,1 | |
| Persimmon Creek | 1 | 1.2 | Fluvial | Plankton/Trap | .10L-.10L | | | | | | | |
| Quakers Swamp | 1 | 0.4 | Tidal | Plankton/Trap | .10L-.10 | | | | | | Ya | |
| Rock Branch | 1 | 0.2 | Fluvial | Plankton/Trap | .10L-.10 | Xe | | | | | Ya | |
| | 2 | 1.5 | Fluvial | Plankton/Trap | .10L-.10L | | | | | | | |
| Ropers Branch | 1 | 0.1 | Fluvial | Plankton | .10L-.10 | | | | | | | |
| Sewell Branch | 1 | 2.1 | Fluvial | Plankton/Trap | .10L-.10 | | | | | | | |
| Spice Creek | 1 | 0.4 | Tidal | Plankton | .10L-.48 | X1 | | Xe,1 | | Xe,1 | X1 | |
| St. Leonard Creek | 1 | 5.4 | Fluvial | Plankton/Trap | .10L-.10L | | | | | | | |
| Stocketts Run | 1 | 0.8 | Fluvial | Plankton/Trap | .10L-.10 | | | | | | | |
| Swanson Creek | 1 | 1.7 | Tidal | Plankton | .20-6.50 | | | | | X1 | | |
| | 2 | 2.9 | Tidal | Plankton | .10L-.28 | | | | | | X1 | |
| | 3 | 4.5 | Fluvial | Plankton/Trap | .10L-.10L | | | | | | | |
| Towers Branch | 1 | 0.0 | Fluvial | Plankton/Trap | .10L-.10 | Xe | | | | | Xa | |
| | 2 | 0.5 | Fluvial | Plankton/Trap | .10L-.10 | | | | | | | |

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Appendix A. River tributaries sampled in the Patuxent River study area and anadromous species documented by Project AFC-10, 1980-83 1/ (Continued).

| Streams Sampled 1/ | Station No. | Stream Mile | Stream Character | Type of Sampling | Salinity 2/ Range (ppt) | Anadromous Species Collected 3/ | | | | |
|--------------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|--------------|------|-----------------------------|
| | | | | | | Herring 4/ Alewife | Blueback Herring | Striped Bass | Shad | White Perch Yellow Perch |
| Horsepen Branch | 1 | 0.0 | Fluvial | Plankton/Trap | .10L-.10 | | | | Ya | |
| Hotchkins Branch | 1 | 0.8 | Tidal | Plankton | .11-.48 | X1 | | Xe | Xe,1 | X1 |
| Hunting Creek | 1 | 1.6 | Tidal | Plankton | .10-6.50 | X1 | | | X1 | X1 |
| | 2 | 3.4 | Tidal | Plankton | .10L-.34 | | | | | X1 |
| | 3 | 4.6 | Tidal | Plankton | .10L-.28 | | | | X1 | X1 |
| | 4 | 6.0 | Fluvial | Plankton/Trap | .10L-.10L | | | | Xa | Xa |
| | 5 | 6.1 | Fluvial | Plankton/Trap | .10L-.10L | | | | | |
| Johns Creek | 1 | 1.7 | Fluvial | Plankton/Trap | .24-.40 | | | | | |
| Killpeck Creek | 1 | 2.3 | Fluvial | Plankton/Trap | .10L-.10 | | | | | |
| Kings Branch | 1 | 0.1 | Fluvial | Plankton/Trap | .10L-.10 | | | | Xa | |
| | 2 | 1.4 | Fluvial | Plankton/Trap | .10L-.10L | | | | | |
| Little Lyons Creek | 1 | 0.5 | Tidal | Plankton | .28-7.50 | | | | | X1 |
| Little Patuxent R. | 1 | 0.0 | Fluvial | Plankton/Trap | .10L-.12 | | | | Xa,e | Xa |
| | 2 | 3.2 | Fluvial | Plankton/Trap | .10L-.12 | Xe | Xa | | Xa | |
| | 3 | 5.5 | Fluvial | Plankton/Trap | .10L-.12 | X1 | | | Xa,e | |

Appendix A. River tributaries sampled in the Patuxent River study area and anadromous species documented by Project AFC-10, 1980-83 1/ (Continued).

| Streams Sampled <u>1/</u> | Station No. | Stream Mile | Stream Character | Type of Sampling | Salinity 2/ Range (ppt) | Anadromous Species Collected <u>3/</u> | | | | |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------------|--|--------------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|
| | | | | | | Herring <u>4/</u> | Atlantic Whitefish | Blueback Herring | Striped Bass | Shad |
| | | | | | | | | | | White Perch |
| | | | | | | | | | | Yellow Perch |
| Lyons Creek | 4 | 6.8 | Fluvial | Plankton/Trap | .10L-.12 | Xe,1 | Xa | | | Xa,e |
| | 5 | 10.2 | Fluvial | Plankton/Trap | .10L-.12 | | | | | Xa |
| | 6 | 11.6 | Fluvial | Plankton/Trap | .10L-.12 | Xe,1 | | Xa | | Xa |
| Walker Branch | 1 | 0.5 | Tidal | Plankton | .10L-.14 | Xe,1 | | | | Xe,1 |
| | 2 | 1.1 | Tidal | Plankton | .10L-.16 | X1 | | | | Xe,1 |
| | 3 | 2.5 | Fluvial | Plankton/Trap | .10L-.11 | | | | | Xa,e |
| | 4 | 4.6 | Fluvial | Plankton/Trap | .10L-.10 | | | | | X1 |
| Western Branch | 1 | 0.2 | Fluvial | Plankton/Trap | .10L-.10L | | | | | |
| | 1 | 1.0 | Tidal | Plankton | .10L-.16 | Xe,1 | | | | Xe,1 |
| White Marsh Branch | 2 | 3.5 | Fluvial | Plankton/Trap | .11-.16 | Xe | | | | Xa,e,1 |
| | 3 | 7.4 | Fluvial | Plankton/Trap | .10-.16 | | | | | Xa,e,1 |
| | 1 | 0.6 | Fluvial | Plankton/Trap | .10L-.10L | | | | | |
| Wilson Owens Branch | 1 | 0.5 | Fluvial | Plankton/Trap | .10L-.10 | | | | | X1 |
| (890,900E-378,100N) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Unnamed Stream | 1 | 0.5 | Fluvial | Plankton/Trap | .10L-.11 | | | | | |

Appendix A. River tributaries sampled in the Patuxent River study area and anadromous species documented by Project AFC-10, 1980-83 1/ (Continued).

| Streams Sampled 1/ | Station No. | Stream Mile | Stream Character | Type of Sampling | Salinity 2/ Range (ppt) | Anadromous Species Collected 3/ | | | | |
|--|-------------|-------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|---------|------------------|--------------|--------------|
| | | | | | | Herring 4/ | Alewife | Blueback Herring | Striped Bass | Shad |
| (892,400E-391,800N) Unnamed Stream(ZBF) | 1 | 0.1 | Fluvial | Plankton | .10L-.10 | | | | | Yellow Perch |
| (890,200E-298,400N) Unnamed Stream(ZBN) | 1 | 0.0 | Fluvial | Plankton | .10L-.10 | | | | | White Perch |
| (888,800E-400,800N) Unnamed Stream(ZBR) | 1 | 0.0 | Fluvial | Plankton/Trap | .10L-.10L | | | | | |
| (887,500E-404,100N) Unnamed Stream(UFN) | 1 | 1.3 | Fluvial | Plankton/Trap | .10L-.10 | | | | | |
| (887,200E-407,600N) Unnamed Stream(ZBS) | 1 | 0.1 | Fluvial | Plankton | .10L-.10 | | | | | |
| (885,400E-412,300N) Unnamed Stream(ZBT) | 1 | 0.5 | Fluvial | Plankton/Trap | .10L-.12 | | | | | |
| (884,200E-420,500N) Unnamed Stream(ZBV) | 1 | 0.1 | Fluvial | Plankton | .10L-.10 | | | | | |
| (883,800E-424,800N) Unnamed Stream(ZCD) | 1 | 0.3 | Fluvial | Plankton/Trap | .10L-.10 | | | | | |
| (865,200E-457,200N) Unnamed Stream(ZBU) | 2 | 0.7 | Fluvial | Plankton | .10L-.10 | | | | | |
| | 1 | 0.2 | Fluvial | Plankton | .10L-.10 | | | | | |

Appendix A. River tributaries sampled in the Patuxent River study area and anadromous species documented by Project AFC-10, 1980-83 1/ (Continued).

| Streams Sampled 1/ | Station No. | Stream Mile | Stream Character | Type of Sampling | Salinity 2/ Range (ppt) | Anadromous Species Collected 3/ | | | | | |
|--|-------------|-------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|---------|------------------|--------------|------|-------------|
| | | | | | | Herring 4/ | Alewife | Blueback Herring | Striped Bass | Shad | White Perch |
| (881,400E-423,000N) Unnamed Stream(UDK) | 1 | 0.5 | Fluvial | Plankton/Trap | .10L-.12 | | | | | | |
| (867,400E-437,800N) Unnamed Stream(UPG) | 1 | 1.1 | Fluvial | Plankton/Trap | .10L-.10L | | | | | | |
| (845,900E-451,100N) Unnamed Stream(ZBW) | 1 | 0.0 | Fluvial | Plankton/Trap | .10L-.10 | | | | | | |
| (845,500E-454,100N) Unnamed Stream(ZCC) | 1 | 0.6 | Fluvial | Plankton/Trap | .10L-.24 | | | | | | |
| (847,400E-456,100N) Unnamed Stream(ZCA) | 1 | 0.5 | Fluvial | Plankton/Trap | .10L-.42 | | | | | | |
| Total No. of Streams Sampled: | 58 | | | | | 16 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 0 | 24 |
| Total No. of Sites Sampled: | 89 | | | | | | | | | | 16 |

No. of Spawning Streams by Species:

1/ Includes all river tributaries sampled during the AFC-10 study (1980-83)
(See Appendix B for sampling and spawning in the river mainstem)

2/ L = less than (.10L = less than .10 ppt salinity)

3/ Xa = adults collected

Xe = eggs collected

Xl = larvae collected

4/ Egg/larval documentation only (alewife or blueback identification uncertain)

Appendix B. Sites sampled in the Patuxent River mainstem and anadromous species documented by Project AFC-10, 1980-83 1/.

| Stations Sampled 1/ | River Mile | Stream Character | Type of Sampling | Salinity 2/ Range (ppt) | Anadromous Species Collected 3/ | | | | | | |
|------------------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|---------|------------------|--------------|----------|-------------|--------------|
| | | | | | Herring 4/ | Alewife | Blueback Herring | Striped Bass | Shad | White Perch | Yellow Perch |
| AFC 10-3, 1983 Study | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | 23.0 | Tidal | Plankton | 3.2-11.0 | | | | Xe | X1 | | |
| 2 | 25.2 | Tidal | Plankton | 1.0-7.0 | X1 | | | Xe | | | X1 |
| 3 | 27.2 | Tidal | Plankton | .20-7.0 | | | | | | | X1 |
| 4 | 29.4 | Tidal | Plankton | .10-3.8 | | | | Xe | Y1 | | X1 |
| 5 | 31.7 | Tidal | Plankton | .10L-3.2 | X1 | | | Xe | Y1 | | Y1 |
| 6 | 34.0 | Tidal | Plankton | .10L-3.2 | X1 | | | Xe | X1 | | X1 |
| AFC 10-2, 1982 Study | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7 | 37.2 | Tidal | Plankton | .12-1.4 | X1 | | | Xe, 1 | Xe, 1 | | X1 |
| 8 | 42.2 | Tidal | Plankton | .11-.30 | X1 | | | Xe | Xe, 1 | | X1 |
| 9 | 45.1 | Tidal | Plankton | .10-.19 | X1 | | | Xe | Xe, 1 | | Y1 |
| 10 | 48.5 | Tidal | Plankton | .10-.14 | X1 | | | | Xe, 1 | | X1 |
| 11 | 52.2 | Tidal | Plankton | .10L-.14 | Xe, 1 | | | | Xe, 1 | | X1 |
| 12 | 55.5 | Fluvial | Plankton/Trap | .10-.16 | Xe, 1 | Xa | Xa | | Xa, e, 1 | Xa, e, 1 | Xa, e, 1 |

Appendix B. Sites sampled in the Patuxent River mainstem and anadromous species documented by Project AFC-10, 1980-83 1/ (Continued).

| Stations Sampled 1/ | River Mile | Stream Character | Type of Sampling | Salinity 2/ Range (ppt) | Anadromous Species Collected 3/ | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|---------|------------------|--------------|------|-------------|--------------|
| | | | | | Herring 4/ | Alewife | Blueback Herring | Striped Bass | Shad | White Perch | Yellow Perch |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| AFC 10-1, 1980 Study | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 13 | 56.6 | Fluvial | Plankton/Trap | .10L-.12 | Xe, 1 | | | | | Xa, e | Ya |
| 14 | 61.2 | Fluvial | Plankton/Trap | .10L-.10 | | | | | | Xa | Ya |
| 15 | 64.5 | Fluvial | Plankton/Trap | .10L-.11 | | | | | | Xa | Ya |
| 16 | 67.2 | Fluvial | Plankton/Trap | .10L-.10L | Xe | | | | | Xa, e, 1 | |
| 17 | 72.2 | Fluvial | Plankton/Trap | .10L-.10L | | | | | | Ya | |
| 18 | 76.3 | Fluvial | Plankton/Trap | .10L-.10L | | | | | | | |
| 19 | 78.8 | Fluvial | Plankton/Trap | .10L-.10 | Xe | | | | | | |
| 20 | 80.3 | Fluvial | Plankton/Trap | .10L-.10L | | | | | | | Xa, 1 |
| 21 | 81.5 | Fluvial | Plankton/Trap | .10L-.10L | | | | | | | X1 |
| No. of spawning sites by species: | | | | | 12 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 0 | 15 | 16 |

1/ Includes all sites sampled during the AFC-10 study in the Patuxent River mainstem (See Appendix A for sampling and spawning in river tributaries)

2/ L=less than (.10L=less than .10 ppt salinity)

3/ Xa = adults collected

Xe = eggs collected

X1 = larvae collected

4/ Egg/larval documentation only (alewife or blueback identification uncertain)

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